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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jennifer Y. Sun et al.

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FOR: YTTRIUM OXIDE BASED SURFACE COATING
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR IC PROCESSING
VACUUM CHAMBERS

§ Attorney Docket No.:
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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment "A" is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of January 20, 2004. This Amendment "B" is accompanied by a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, to extend the period for response through March 22, 2004.

Claims 1 - 5 and 13 - 18 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 3 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0003271, to Otsuki, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,170,429, to Schoepp et al., and U.S. Patent No. 5,488,925, to Kumuda.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuki, Schoepp et al., and Kumuda, as applied to Claims 1 - 3, and further in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001023908, to Okada et al.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuki, Schoepp et al., and Kumuda, as applied to Claims 1 - 3, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,521,046, to Tanaka et al.

Claims 13 - 18 are allowed.

Please amend the application as follows: